

NORTHWESTERN  
HOLOCAUST.Alarming Spread of the Great Forest  
Conflagrations.

INKY DARKNESS IN PLACES.

The Loss of Life and Property—The  
Work of Destruction Unabated  
And Spreading.Tacoma, Sept. 12.—The nearest dis-  
astrous fire is at Elma, 60 miles south-  
west of here, where six large lumber  
mills and ten houses have been de-  
stroyed.At 9 o'clock all wires to Gray's Har-  
bor country went down and no word  
can be received from Elma or Aber-  
deen.About 11 o'clock a telegram reported  
Bumdam, in King county, on the main  
line of the Northern Pacific, east, in  
great danger. The town appeals for a  
fire-engine and hose, but, as many  
small brush fires are burning on Ta-  
coma's outskirts, none can be spared.The town of Bucoda, in Thurston  
county, 45 miles south of here, was in  
danger at 11 o'clock this fore-  
noon.Reports from Shelton state that  
nearly all of the mills in Mason county  
are on fire. The town of Matlock, that  
county, is in imminent danger of total  
destruction.Sixteen miles from Olympia the Bor-  
deaux string of camps, the Black Hill  
district, are in great danger. Forty  
men have gone on horseback to rescue  
women and children.In Tacoma, inky darkness settled  
down this morning. Boats cannot pass  
the narrows on account of darkness.At Olympia the electric plant has  
been shut down, and at noon it was as dark  
as the blackest night.The town of the most serious na-  
ture are pressing upon every side of  
Emmuel. Every town is being pressed  
into service.

THE DAMAGE SUMMED UP.

Portland, Ore., Sept. 12.—The result  
of the forest fires, which are raging  
in this vicinity, may be summed up  
substantially as follows, up to the pres-  
ent time: Tillamook City has been  
saved from an impending doom by a  
timely change in the wind.The forests in Douglas and Jackson  
counties are on fire, but the damage yet  
is small.Supt. Ormsby of the Cascade forest  
reserve says that he has yet en-  
countered no fire.Sixty people in the town of Spring-  
water, Clackamas county, were forced  
to flee for their lives and rendered  
homeless and a fine timber belt de-  
stroyed.Bridges were attacked and residences  
threatened in South Portland.The sawmill of the Bridal Veil Lum-  
bering company and the whole town of  
Paisley, in Clatsop county, has been  
destroyed.The damage in eastern Multnomah  
county amounts to \$42,500, and every  
family has been fighting the fire since  
Monday.Several families have been burned out  
on the section line road.Three dwellings and the county  
jail are gone in Pleasant valley.The flames around the dwelling of  
a resident of Rockwood and are fac-  
ing west along the base line road.To protect the town of Gresham men  
stand guard night and day. Fully 100  
men are at work to save property in the  
dangerous district.At Pleasant Home, a sawmill was  
destroyed, and four others were in dan-  
ger. Fire companies were called out to  
fighting. The residents of that part  
of Portland were on duty from 2 o'clock  
yesterday morning.Valuable timber has been destroyed  
near Coburg. Willough Springs and Wen-  
dell and other points. Men at Wen-  
dell are swamping the timber in or-  
der to save it. The losses will amount  
to thousands of dollars.The destruction of the village of Vi-  
ola seems certain. The non-arrival of  
rain and coasting ships is due to dense  
smoke at the mouth of the Columbia  
river. The steamer Columbia is re-  
ported to be stranded in the river near  
Astoria.A woman was burned to death near  
Yacover, Wash., and a woman and a  
child are missing.Mill, lumber and timber to the value  
of \$100,000 were destroyed in Chehalis  
county, Wash.The damage near Lents, Ore., amounts  
to \$25,000.Details of losses from numerous coun-  
ty committees are continually arriv-  
ing and the horde of small individual  
losses will not be finished until rain  
has come to quench the ever-  
burning flames. The weather bureau  
gives no promise of rain with the next  
24 hours.

IT BECOMES AWFUL.

Elma, Wash., Sept. 12.—Forest fires  
are raging over a large area of country  
west of Elma. Several large mills suf-  
fered more or less loss and some have  
been destroyed.The Star mill and village have been  
wiped out. The men fought bravely  
but had to yield and fly for their lives.Wagon loads of refugees are arriving  
from the burning district and people  
are beginning to move out of Elma.Many farm houses and barns have been  
destroyed. Ashes and cinders are fall-  
ing over Elma. A high east wind fan-  
tled the fire and gives it terrific vel-  
ocity.The old Fellows cemetery, one and a  
half miles from town, is burning and  
many Elma citizens are taking every  
precaution to save their homes from  
the threatened calamity. The seven-  
ty-five million in their plants alone.  
Their total value is near the million  
mark.

Gen. Miles En Route.

Chicago, Sept. 12.—Lieut.-Gen. Miles  
and party passed through Chicago to-  
night en route for San Francisco. Be-  
tween trains Gen. Miles called on Maj.  
Gen. MacArthur.I shall not sail for the Philippines  
until the end of the month," said Gen.  
Miles. "I intend to make a trip down  
the Pacific coast. There is no special  
reason for my visit to the Philip-  
pines. It will be nothing more than  
an ordinary tour of inspection of the  
different army posts such as I might  
make here in the United States."

TREMENDOUS SENSATION.

Caused in Rome by Murder of Count  
Ron Martini.Rome, Sept. 12.—A tremendous sensa-  
tion has been caused in Italy by the  
latest development in the murder of  
Count Ron Martini, who some days ago  
was found assassinated in his house at  
Bologna.A large sum of money had  
been stolen from the house and rob-  
bery was thought to have been the mo-  
tive of the crime.Prof. Martini, one of the best known  
physicians in Italy, was Count Martini's  
father-in-law. Prof. Martini has denoun-ed his own son, Tullio, as the murderer  
of the count. Tullio Martini is a well  
known socialist and lawyer of Bologna.  
He admits having murdered his brother-  
in-law and says the crime was com-  
mitted after a brawl provoked by a  
family quarrel. Other reports say  
that a love affair is at the bottom of  
the mystery.Count Martini lived apart from his  
wife, Tullio Martini has written his  
father from Serbia saying he com-  
mitted the murder to avenge the ill us-  
age of his sister. The police are un-  
able to touch the murderer, as he can-  
not be extradited from Serbia.

Noted Violinist Inactive.

New York, Sept. 12.—Josef Benalla,  
a violinist, said to have played before  
Italy's king and queen and in the most  
noted orchestras of that nation and  
of the touring this country, has been  
taken to Bellevue hospital in insane  
pavilion by his wife. He played for  
nine hours, she said, without a break.  
The cause of the violinist's trouble is  
said to be homesickness. Benalla is a  
Neapolitan, 40 years old.

Old Defenders' Day.

Baltimore, Sept. 12.—Today is known  
here as Old Defenders' day, it being the  
anniversary of the battle of North  
Point in defense of Baltimore against  
the British attack of 1814. By procla-  
mation of the governor, it is a legal  
holiday in the state. Commercial busi-  
ness was partially suspended and vari-  
ous patriotic celebrations were held.

They Protest.

Dublin, Sept. 12.—At a meeting of  
the corporation today called to deal  
with the action of the government in  
proclaiming Dublin under the crime  
act, a resolution was adopted protest-  
ing against the outrage and insult of-  
fered the citizens of Dublin in pro-  
claiming the city, in which, in pro-  
portion to the size of its population,  
there was less crime than in any other  
city in the world.

A Railroad Dispute.

London, Sept. 12.—In a dispatch from  
Odessa, the correspondent of the Stan-  
dard says the German Bagdad railroad  
scheme appears to haunt the Russian  
press like a specter. The Novosti, one  
of the correspondents referring to the  
report that J. Pierpont Morgan has  
taken, or is about to take, considerable  
interest in the new railroad observes  
that although Americans, Frenchmen  
and Englishmen will be large share-  
holders, the enterprise will remain es-  
sentially German.The Novoe Vremya, the correspondent  
also cables, strenuously advocates a  
strenuous policy to offset British and Ger-  
man activity in Persia, saying that  
what he says is an original secret docu-  
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AN INTERESTING DOCUMENT

The Last Eruption Greatly Exceeded  
In Extent the First One—Elec-  
trical Illuminations.Fort de France, Island of Martinique,  
Saturday, Sept. 6.—Prof. Angelo Heil-  
prin, president of the Philadelphia Geo-  
graphical society, who is in Martinique  
in the interests of the National Geo-  
graphical society, has made the follow-  
ing report on the recent eruptions of  
Mont Pelee:The scene of destruction in the last  
eruption of Mont Pelee far surpasses  
in extent that of May 8,  
when St. Pierre was destroyed and  
includes the broad area lying between  
Macouba and Carbet, and involves  
Haute Tours de Bourdon, Bass Pointe,  
Morue Balai and Ajoupa Bouillon,  
where alone upwards of 300 persons  
were killed, as well as Morue Rouge,  
with a death last of probably not less  
than 1,000 persons; Morue Capot and  
the heights somewhat this side of Pon-  
dia St. Denis, the blast, however, leav-  
ing the last named place untouched.  
Great clinders fell also over the region  
of Grand Riviere, and Precheur is cov-  
ered deep with ashes. In Carbet the  
ashes lie one foot deep and nearly the  
same amount covers the ruins of St.  
Pierre. All of Morue Rouge, with the  
exception of about four houses and the  
beautiful church, has been swept to the  
ground and the greater part of the town  
has been burned up. At Ajoupa Bouil-  
lon, where one half of the town has  
been prostrated, there is no trace of  
fire of any kind.The destructive blast, instead of con-  
fining itself to a section of area, as  
was the case during the first eruption,  
was distributed radially, crossing the  
low summit of the volcano near the  
knob of Morue Capot and shipping  
zones between its rays. The danger of  
Mont Pelee is thus materially increas-  
ed, and perhaps no position in the north-  
west of the island is absolutely safe.  
The government has judiciously ordered  
the evacuation of all points reached by a  
radius of about eight or ten miles from  
the crater. The recent phenomena  
were precisely like that of May 8, death  
resulting in most cases from contact  
with the terribly swift and hot blast  
which burned and which suffocated.The sulphur emitted from the crater  
during the recent eruption yesterday  
was comparatively insignificant, although it  
densely added to the ash cloud which  
overflowed the Precheur. The electric  
illumination during the storm were  
wonderful and greatly surpassed those  
of July 9.During the time I was on the vol-  
cano on the afternoon of the eruption  
Mont Pelee was in terrible activity and  
refuge from flying bombs had to be  
sought in a hole. The great cone could  
not be seen. On the way to the mount-  
ain the party was enveloped in ashes  
and mud.The destruction of the several towns  
and localities was simultaneous, occur-  
ing at 9:30 p. m.There is much uneasiness all over  
the island of Martinique.The illumination of the eruption of  
St. Vincent, five miles from here on  
the night of Wednesday was most ter-  
rifying and on Thursday morning the  
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